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THIS IS PRESTON DAY IN NEWPORT

Speaker Greeted by Large Audience of Ladies and Gentlemen

INTRODUCED BY HON. W. O. MIMS

Straight Forward Speech From the Shoulder—Believes Hooper Should be Retired and Tennessee Given a Business Administration.



HON. T. R. PRESTON.

Hon. T. R. Preston, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor came to Newport today and addressed a good audience.

Representative Democrats and Republicans, as well as many ladies, were present and the straight business address of Mr. Preston was impressive, and it is not likely that there will be any opposition to instructing Cocke county for him in the county convention which meets May 16.

Mr. Preston came to Newport after addressing large crowds at Bristol, Jonesboro, Greenville and Johnson City. He was met at the train by such men as W. B. Robinson, H. L. W. Taylor, W. O. Mims, J. A. Susong, Dr. J. F. Woodward, T. N. Huff, and others, and taken to the Mims hotel, where he was kept busy throughout the day meeting the untiring Democrats of Hoopers home county.

Mr. Preston lays no claim to being an orator. He is a business man and believes that Tennessee needs a business administration and he proposes to bring the business of the state up to a business standard. The fact that he was in Hooper's home county did not deter Mr. Preston from pointing out to his hearers reasons why Mr. Hooper should be sent back home. He wanted the Democrats to help him drive from the party the blight of Stahlmanism.

Death of Swan Burnett

Swan L. Burnett died today at 12:15 after an illness of several days. He was sixty-four years of age and death was due to paralysis of the brain.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in the Baptist church at one o'clock and interment will be made in the Union cemetery. A more extended notice will be made next week.

M. J. Easley has moved from Morristown to Newport and is now in charge of the harness shop which he purchased from Mr. Purkey.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker died at their home in Eastport, Tuesday night.

Del Rio News

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huff, a son.

Miss Clara Neas of Knoxville, is her sister, Mrs. John A. Jones.

Mrs. Sallie Grigsby, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Marsh at Paint Rock, N. C., is visiting here for a few days.

Mrs. Joe Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rowe and M. N. Stokely were at Newport Sunday to see Swan L. Burnett who remains seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman and Elmer Jones of Newport, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Marve Jones.

Mrs. Will Jones of Jonestown, was shopping in Newport Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Ottinger has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sisk.

Maj. Jim Huff of Bridgeport attended church here Sunday.

Miss Sarah Ruble has returned from Florida where she has been spending some time at St. Augustine and Tampa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Runkin of Wolf Creek, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruble and children of Newport visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Justus and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruble.

Mrs. G. F. Runkin have been spending a few days at Newport with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stokely.

Mrs. Henry R. Lutz was at Newport Monday.

Aunt Sue Jones of Jonestown is in very poor health.

Misses Elizabeth and Myrtle Cole visited their sister, Mrs. Anders at Marshall, N. C. last week.

G. W. Cole was at Asheville, N. C. Saturday on business.

Walter Turner, of Florence, S. C., is spending a couple of weeks with relatives on Route 1.

"The Old Maid's Club"

The play entitled "The Old Maid's Club," which was given by several of the members of the M. E. Church Tuesday night, was well rendered and pleased a very enthusiastic audience.

No play for a long time afforded so many laughs, although it was evident by the heart rendering vocal solo given by 'one of the old maids' that they were really serious.

An especially pleasing feature on the program was the singing by little Miss Elizabeth Robeson. She has a very sweet voice and audience was delighted with her. There was a good house and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to one and all who were so kind and thoughtful in so many ways during our recent bereavement, also for the beautiful floral offerings. J. G. Allen, L. S. Allen and wife.

Mrs. Maggie Gorrell-Vinson and little son, of Chattanooga, are here to spend a few days with relatives.

High School Notes

Rev. Hamill was a visitor at school one day last week.

Mae Sexton, one of the Tenth Grade girls, is quite sick this week.

Some of the Graduates have their essays written and put away to dry, while some haven't started theirs. To the former ones we advise that they see that their essays do not mildew before commencement.

We are using every spare moment in rehearsing plays and practicing for commencement.

Mrs. George O'Dell's room had a May-pole on the first of May. The children danced around the pole and sang some very sweet songs. It was very pretty, and we believe, if we are not mistaken that this is the first May-pole we have ever had.

This is the time of the year that the 'little boy' who hasn't studied goes home and tells his mama that 'his old teacher is so partial that she won't let him pass,' and his mama thinks that he ought to be able to pass if Mrs. So and So's boy passes, and the little girl who hasn't studied goes home and says the same thing. Then the teachers are blamed if the pupil's don't pass.

Tuesday was a very stormy day but the atmosphere around College Hill was cool and enervating. The trees are now taking on their green dresses and every thing is happy and growing up here.

There's certainly some fine ball players on College Hill. We predict for them a very bright future.

Covington-O'Dell.

The O'Dell Covington wedding which was announced in last week's issue was beautifully solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Dell, two and one-half miles east of Newport, last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. O'Hara officiating.

The minister entered first, then Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Dell, and Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dell brothers and sisters of the bride entered first, followed by Master Joy and little Miss Iris Ruth, O'Dell niece and nephew of the bride. The former was ring-bearer and the latter, flower-girl. She carried a basket of lilies of the valley.

Next came the bride and groom to the strains of "Lohengrins" wedding march.

The color scheme was pink and white.

The matrons of honor wore white over pink.

The bride wore a beautiful blue coat-suit with hat and accessories to match.

The house was artistically decorated in dog-wood and house plants.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the guests.

The color scheme was carried out in the refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Covington left on the 7:10 train by way of Asheville, N. C., for their home in Bernice, Louisiana.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson, of Knoxville, relatives of the bride.

His many friends in Cocke county will be pleased to learn that A. C. Moore has been appointed Deputy Collector for East Tennessee.

FRANCHISE GRANTED

Newport Will Have Electricity For all Purposes Needed—Day and Night Current.

At the meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen Tuesday night Chas. L. Goughnour was given a franchise which gives him the privilege to erect poles and use the streets of Newport for the purpose of bringing electric current from his dam at Hartford to Newport. At the meeting Tuesday night a week ago the ordinance was passed on first reading and three of the aldermen voted for it and at the meeting last night all the aldermen voted for the ordinance. The passage of this ordinance means much for Newport and will do more for our up-building than any one thing the board could do. Cheap power will be furnished manufacturing enterprises and a day current will be furnished all who desire and need it. If the present board had done no other thing to give their administration a place in the history of Newport the passage of this one ordinance would be sufficient to make one bright and glorious page for them.

INCREASE OF MEDICAL MISSIONARIES

There are now 451 medical missionaries in the foreign field—an increase of five per cent over last year. These figures are given by Dr. J. L. Maxwell in the Medical Missions at Home and Abroad, and it is interesting to note in this connection that the increase in the whole profession as recorded by the Medical Directory for 1914 is less than one per cent.

Dr. Maxwell says: "The present number does not at all meet the urgent need. It is pitiful to think of the great doors in the east which God has swung wide open to us, while there are so very few willing and ready to enter; pitiful to think while our medical schools and colleges turn out their hundreds of men and women annually, so few—so very few—are drawn to consecrate themselves and their gifts to the noblest work on earth. No country in the world has profited so much as our own from the coming of the gospel, and never had true altruism a better opportunity of showing itself along the highest lines than it has today, but alas! we keep the Lord waiting."

Death of Ike Clark

At his home at Hartford Ike Clark died this morning at five o'clock after being confined for five weeks from heart dropsy. He was forty-three years of age and leaves a widow and four children, three daughters and a son. Mr. Clark had been in poor health for several years and knew the end was near. He expressed a willingness to go and said that it was all right with his soul.

He was a member of the County Court from the 9th district and was reared a Republican and voted that way he never allowed his politics to interfere with the best interests of his people.

He was a member of the order of Independent Odd Fellows and will be buried tomorrow at two o'clock under the auspices of this order at the Mt. Zion cemetery. He was a son of H. L. Clark and died near where he was born.

Bruce Carty, who has been working in Illinois for some time, is here for a month's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Carty of Huckleberry.

Mrs. Joe Davis is quite sick at her home in the Tannery Row.

Meeting of Fair Stockholders

Dates Fixed for October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1914

JOHN M. STOKELY, PRESIDENT

John M. Jones, Secretary—Work Set Out for Each Director—Catalogue to be Issued at Early Date

On April 22nd, 1914, the stockholders of the Appalachian Fair Association were called together for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and making plans for the Fair this fall.

The following stockholders were elected directors: A. R. Swann, J. G. Murray, C. B. Mims, Ed C. Burnett Jno. M. Stokely, J. S. Susong, J. A. Susong, Wm. Stokely, J. R. Stokely, J. C. Hurst, S. L. Rich, A. J. Huggins, W. O. Mims, J. W. Fisher, John Weaver, D. C. Waters and Jno. M. Jones.

The directors proceeded to elect the following officers:

Jno. M. Stokely, President; A. R. Swann, 1st Vice President; J. S. Susong, 2nd Vice President; J. A. Susong, 3rd Vice President; Jno. M. Jones, Sec-Treas., and General Manager.

J. G. Murray, W. O. Mims and Jas. R. Stokely were appointed as a committee to get up catalogue.

October 13th, 14th, 15th, were set as dates for the fair this fall, and the President and Secretary-Treasurer were instructed to divide the work among the directors and to assign each his his work.

Any three directors together with the President and Sec-Treas. shall have power to transact any business.

A. R. Swann, C. B. Mims and J. A. Susong were appointed as a committee to see every merchant and business house in and around Newport and to solicit funds and premiums from them for the Fair this fall.

No institution in Cocke county has done one-tenth as much for the live stock interests as these good men who have given their time and much of their money for the improvement of the live stock and the entertainment of our people.

The social feature alone is well worth the price of admission and no citizen of Cocke county should fail to attend these annual fairs.

It takes lots of money to run a fair and a little off each of us won't hurt any of us and we must support the fair if we want to keep it alive. The County court could not do a better thing than to exempt the Fair grounds from taxation and make an annual appropriation for this great fair.

Put your shoulder to the wheel—help the fair and go every day.

His Reasoning Was Good

A certain young man's friends thought he was dead, but he was only in a state of coma, says Tit-Bits. When, in ample time to avoid being buried, he showed signs of life, he was asked how it seemed to be dead.

"Dead!" he exclaimed. "I was not dead. I knew all the time what was going on. And I knew I wasn't dead, too, because my feet were cold and I was hungry."

"But how did that fact make you think you were still alive?" asked one of the curious.

"Well, this way: I knew that if I were in heaven I wouldn't be hungry. And if I was in the other place my feet wouldn't be cold."

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Dangerous Ground

Governor Hooper's political ambition does not stop short of the United States senate, and the ambition of his party is to become dominant in Tennessee. Few, if any, independent democrats now desire a senator from Tennessee who would line up with the standard republicans. Few if any of them now wish to see the state republicanized. Probably few if any of them now believe that either of these developments or eventualities is possible, but they are treading on dangerous ground if giving further support to Governor Hooper. He is seeking reelection would insure the maintenance and enforcement of the temperance laws or the retention of the present election law, for these are matters that must be determined by the legislature. His candidacy is a part of the scheme to make Tennessee a Republican state and give it Republican representation in the United States senate, and the scheme will succeed if the Independent Democrats continue to coalesce with the Republicans.

On May 27 the Democrats will meet in convention and adopt a platform declaring for the principles for which the Independents have contended and which have triumphed. What more could the Democrats do, or the Independents expect? And if the Independents will not return to the Democratic party this year, when and under what conditions and circumstances will they return? As a newspaper that has been largely in sympathy with the Independent faction, the Herald-Courier hopes that every Independent Democrat in the state will fall in line and help to destroy this Republican scheme.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

An exchange gives an illustration as follows: A doctor bet a man a dollar he could not get a billiard ball into his mouth. The man won the bet, but the doctor got fifteen dollars to get it out. Another form of advertising with the results about the same as usual, the advertiser spends one dollar and gets fifteen in return.

Mrs. D. Lawson of Washington D. C., and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Morristown, are visiting Mrs. George Smith and other relatives in Newport and Cocke county.

Figures show that immigration to the United States is on the increase. Statistics made public by the bureau show that the total number of immigrant aliens admitted for August was 126,180, compared with 82,377 for the same month last year, or an increase of 43,805. Of the total number, 84,623 were males and 41,557 females. Italy was the largest contributor, sending 31,762 aliens.

Misses Ethel Mason and Maggie Ownby spent Sunday with Miss Hattie Mason near Parrottsville.

Lacy Myers is on the sick list threatened with typhoid.